



US 20130197674A1

(19) **United States**

(12) **Patent Application Publication**
Lowry

(10) **Pub. No.: US 2013/0197674 A1**

(43) **Pub. Date: Aug. 1, 2013**

(54) **AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF
SELF-CONFIGURABLE ENVIRONMENTS**

(52) **U.S. Cl.**
USPC 700/19

(75) Inventor: **Thomas Ethan Lowry**, Santa Clara, CA
(US)

(57) **ABSTRACT**

(73) Assignee: **Apple Inc.**, Cupertino, CA (US)

(21) Appl. No.: **13/361,277**

(22) Filed: **Jan. 30, 2012**

Publication Classification

(51) **Int. Cl.**
G05B 15/02 (2006.01)

A user's portable electronic device can learn configuration preferences from a first environment, such as the user's car, and when the user visits another similar environment, such as a rented automobile, those configuration preferences can be imported into the visited environment and used to automatically configure the environment according to the imported preferences.

